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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

v.

STEPHEN RIAN PRICE

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:21-mj-05190

COMPLAINT for VIOLATIONS

18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)

BEFORE, The Honorable THERESA L. FRICKE United States Magistrate  
Judge, United States Courthouse, Tacoma, Washington.

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

**COUNT 1**

**(Production of Child Pornography)**

On or between July 1, 2019 and October 16, 2019, in Clark County, within the  
Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, STEPHEN RIAN PRICE, knowingly  
employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced MV1, a minor, to engage in  
sexually explicit conduct, and attempted to do so, for the purpose of producing a visual  
depiction of such conduct and transmitting any live visual depiction of such conduct,  
knowing or having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and

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1 transmitted using any means or facility of interstate and foreign commerce, such visual  
2 depiction was transported and transmitted using any means or facility of interstate and  
3 foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and such visual  
4 depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in  
5 interstate and foreign commerce.

6 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a), (e).

7 **COUNT 2**

8 **(Production of Child Pornography)**

9 On or about August 21, 2019, in Clark County, within the Western District of  
10 Washington, and elsewhere, STEPHEN RIAN PRICE, knowingly employed, used,  
11 persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced MV2, a minor, to engage in sexually explicit  
12 conduct, and attempted to do so, for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such  
13 conduct and transmitting any live visual depiction of such conduct, knowing or having  
14 reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using any  
15 means or facility of interstate and foreign commerce, such visual depiction was  
16 transported and transmitted using any means or facility of interstate and foreign  
17 commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and such visual  
18 depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in  
19 interstate and foreign commerce.

20 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a), (e).

21 **AFFIANT BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

22 1. I am a Task Force Officer (TFO) with the United States Department of  
23 Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), in Portland, Oregon. HSI is  
24 responsible for enforcing the customs laws, immigration laws, and federal criminal  
25 statutes of the United States. I am a law enforcement officer of the United States within  
26 the meaning of Section 2510(7) of Title 18, United States Code, and I am authorized by  
27 law to conduct investigations and to make arrests for felony offenses. I am also a

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1 Detective with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), where I am assigned to the  
2 Digital Evidence Cybercrime Unit (DECU).

3 2. I have been a law enforcement officer for 13 years and was commissioned  
4 in 2019 as a TFO for Homeland Security Investigations. I have been involved in  
5 investigations of child exploitation and pornography for the past 3.5 years. My duties  
6 include the enforcement of federal criminal statutes prohibiting the sexual exploitation of  
7 children, including Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251 through 2259, the Sexual  
8 Exploitation of Children Act (SECA), and Title 18, United States Code. I have  
9 participated in the execution of search warrants involving child exploitation and/or child  
10 pornography offenses, and the search and seizure of computers and other digital devices.  
11 My agency is an affiliate member of the Seattle Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)  
12 Task Force in the Western District of Washington. I work with other federal, state, and  
13 local law enforcement personnel in the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving  
14 the sexual exploitation of children.

15 **PURPOSE OF THE AFFIDAVIT**

16 3. The information contained in this Complaint is based on my own personal  
17 knowledge, information provided by other law enforcement officers familiar with the  
18 investigation, reports and other records associated with this investigation, statements of  
19 witnesses with personal knowledge, and my training and experience.

20 4. Because this Complaint is intended to establish that there is probable cause  
21 to believe that the defendant named above committed the offense(s) charged, I have listed  
22 only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause. I do not purport  
23 to list each and every fact known to me or other law enforcement officers as part of this  
24 investigation.

25 5. As further detailed below, based on my investigation and the investigation  
26 of other law enforcement officers, I submit there is probable cause to believe that  
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1 STEPHEN RIAN PRICE has committed the violation(s) of Production of Child  
2 Pornography (two counts).

3  
4 **SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION**

5 6. On October 16, 2019, investigators with the VPD-HSI-DECU received  
6 multiple investigative leads from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
7 (NCMEC). Two of the cybertips were "Priority Level: 1," meaning the tips indicated  
8 current or imminent risk to an individual existed. The information provided by NCMEC  
9 reports indicated the suspect, later identified as PRICE, used the social media platforms  
10 Discord and Dropbox to distribute images and videos of himself engaging in sexual acts  
11 with a minor victim, hereinafter MV1.

12 7. Discord is an electronic service provider (ESP) based in San Francisco,  
13 California. Discord was originally designed to be used by the video gaming community.  
14 A Discord user can send text messages, images, video and audio communication to other  
15 users in a "chat channel."

16 8. Dropbox is an electronic file hosting service based in California. Dropbox  
17 creates a special folder on a user's computer or portable device that can then be  
18 synchronized with multiple devices allowing the user (or other users the subject has given  
19 permission) to make changes. These alterations can include but are not limited to adding  
20 or deleting files and sharing files such as photographs and videos. These changes would  
21 take place on all devices. Dropbox is available as a computer website or portable device  
22 application. Users can start a free account with an email address. With a paid version of  
23 the software the user is provided more options such as digital storage space.

24 9. The following information was contained in the Discord cybertip:  
25 *"ESP Escalation: Is a family member, parent to child. This was our only known*  
26 *avenue to report and escalate. User appears to be actively molesting child and*  
27 *discusses that this will be an ongoing occurrence."*



1           10.     Discord further advised on October 15, 2019, at 20:48:17 UTC, a user with  
2 the Google controlled email address of mankiller231@gmail.com and screen name of  
3 xenshi666#6973 had uploaded a video file of child pornography through a DISCORD  
4 chat room.

5           11.     The video DISCORD reported is approximately 4 minutes long. It depicts  
6 a female infant who is approximately a few months old. The child is fully nude and is  
7 placed on her back. An adult hand is keeping the baby in place by separating the child's  
8 legs, fully exposing the child's genitalia. The child is then anally penetrated by an adult's  
9 erect penis.

10          12.     This video was reported along with a series of messages the user was  
11 sending over DISCORD speaking about the abuse. Due to information suggesting the  
12 suspect was actively sexually abusing an infant, emergency request orders were provided  
13 to Comcast Cable Communications and Google INC for identifying information  
14 associated with the IP address used to upload the video and the email address  
15 (mankiller231@gmail.com) provided to Discord.

16          13.     From Comcast, investigators received subscriber information identifying  
17 the responsible person or business for the IP address used to upload the video as "Rama  
18 Biller," located at 544 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Washougal, Washington. The Rama Inn motel is  
19 located at this address.

20          14.     The information provided by Google listed the user of the account with a  
21 name of Stephen Price Klein. Associated with this user were additional backup emails of  
22 mankiller231@yahoo.com, sprice360@yahoo.com and xenshi666@gmail.com. Google  
23 also provided the screen name "Stephen Corleone." Investigators located a Facebook  
24 profile under the name "Stephen Corleone" with a picture of PRICE.

25          15.     During this investigation the help of the Washougal Police Department was  
26 utilized. They located a call history to the Rama Inn involving a Stephen Price, staying in  
27 room 141. Washougal PD also located another prior call from room 141 at the Rama Inn

1 from August 22, 2019, involving a female, later identified as MV1's mother, who at the  
2 time was five months pregnant. The call notes indicate the female has thyroid cancer, a  
3 fact mentioned by PRICE in DISCORD communications summarized below.

4 16. On October 16, 2019, investigators authored and executed a search warrant  
5 for the room 141 of the Rama Inn, as well as the devices contained within the room, and  
6 for PRICE's person.

7 17. Investigators contacted PRICE, his wife, his mother and MV1 inside the  
8 motel room they all shared. MV1, who was 11 months old at the time, was placed into  
9 protective custody.

10 18. Post-Miranda, PRICE admitted to using a laptop found in the residence for  
11 gaming and using Discord. He admitted to having four different Discord accounts all of  
12 which were some form of the screen name xenshi666. When asked, PRICE said  
13 investigators would not find anything inappropriate on his laptop. PRICE then said  
14 investigators would find approximately three photos of another one of his daughters. He  
15 stated these photos were taken approximately two to three years prior and were taken for  
16 documentation/medical purposes as he believed his daughter was being sexually  
17 assaulted. When asked what made him believe his daughter was being sexually  
18 assaulted, PRICE said her genitals were redder than normal.

19 19. When shown a sanitized image from the video Discord had provided,  
20 described above, PRICE immediately recognized the infant as his daughter. When asked  
21 whose hand was in the photo, Price presented both his hands and admitted it was his  
22 hand. PRICE further identified the furniture in the photo, confirming it was the hide-a-  
23 bed in the motel room. PRICE initially denied abusing his daughter, but when shown  
24 another image from the video containing his hand he said, " What do you want me to  
25 say?! I fucked her in the ass and came on her face!" He further added that he was "sick in  
26 the head," demonstrating this by tapping on the side of his head. PRICE admitted he had  
27 anal sex with MV1 four separate times.

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20. Additionally, PRICE was questioned about other images reported in the Discord cybertip. Specifically, one that appeared to be MV1 in a bathtub with an adult's erect penis next to the infant's face. The infant has a semen-like substance stuck to its cheek and chin area. PRICE admitted the images of the infant in the bathtub depicted him and MV1. He denied placing his penis in her mouth but admitted he ejaculated on her face and some semen entered her mouth.

21. PRICE was asked how he was able to commit his acts living with two other adults in such a confined space. PRICE said he would abuse MV1 when his wife and mother were at the store or at the doctor's office. He claimed the video and images of MV1 in the bathtub were taken during the summertime. He later admitted to having sex with MV1 approximately three weeks prior. PRICE admitted to recording the abuse using his cellular phone, later found to be a LG K 20 Plus, which is manufactured in South Korea and Vietnam. PRICE said he deleted the materials after his Discord account was shut down.

22. During the interview, PRICE wrote the following to MV1:

*Dear [MV1],*

*I'm sorry I sexually assaulted you I never should have Let it happen. I am sorry I came on your face and fucked you in the butt. I wish I could see you grow up. I Love you and will always be thinking of you.*

*Love,*

*Dad (Stephan Rian Price)*

23. When investigators asked PRICE what other material was on his laptop, he stated he performed oral sex on a toddler boy (hereinafter MV2) and recorded it. He said MV2 is the son of a female acquaintance from the hotel. PRICE said he believed the assault occurred sometime in June or July 2019, when his wife and MV2's mother stepped out for a cigarette. PRICE said MV2 "needed a diaper change," during which he

1 took two pictures. One photo depicted MV2's genitals and the other photo depicted  
2 PRICE putting his mouth on MV2's penis. This latter instance of oral sex was recorded  
3 using the same LG phone. PRICE stated he uploaded the video depicting MV2 to  
4 Dropbox but later deleted it sometime in July or August.

5 24. An analysis of the images/videos reported by DROPBOX (another platform  
6 used by PRICE and additional ESP reporting to NCMEC) was found to contain images of  
7 MV1 and MV2 and are described as follows.

8 a. File Name: 20190920\_092712: This video is four minutes, 26  
9 seconds in length, and depicts PRICE inserting his erect penis into MV1'S anus as she  
10 screams in pain. The EXIF data recorded this incident on September 20, 2019

11 b. File Name: scv\_1565377996031-1: This video is approximately 19  
12 seconds in length and depicts PRICE inserting his erect penis into MV1's anus. The  
13 EXIF data recorded this incident on August 9,

14 c. File Name: scv\_1563484771390(1) AND scv\_1563484867651(1):  
15 These two videos both depict PRICE in a bathtub with MV1. The first video depicts  
16 PRICE masturbating in front of MV1's face. The second video depicts PRICE placing  
17 his penis into MV1's mouth while masturbating, ultimately ejaculating into her mouth  
18 and on her face. EXIF data recorded this incident to have started on July 18, 2019.

19 d. File Name: scv\_1566447696403-1: This video is approximately 19  
20 seconds in length and depicts PRICE placing his mouth MV2's penis. The EXIF data  
21 recorded this incident on August 21, 2019.

22 25. Also included in the DROPBOX responsive material are two photos  
23 depicting PRICE's hand separating MV1's buttocks, clearly exposing MV1'S anus and  
24 vagina.

25 26. Investigators sent a search warrant to Discord for PRICE's communications  
26 and content with other users between October 15, 2019 and October 16, 2019. Included  
27 in the responsive material was the following exchange:

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**xenshi666#6973** As long as he is hard and I get them positioned properly if he is well hung it will work just fine

**xenshi666#6973** Hahaha as soon as he is home from the hospital I'm gonna be sucking his dick while baby mom is getting daughter wet and lubbed and we are gonna make them fuck

**xenshi666#6973** I'm happy its a boy  
sirlancelotto#7068 ah well

**xenshi666#6973** Its a boy  
sirlancelotto#7068 here's hoping for another daughter amirite

Heartless<3#1504 Yeah your guys will

**xenshi666#6973** Its ok me and her will get through it and be better off

Heartless<3#1504 I???m sorry to hear that

Heartless<3#1504 Oh no

**xenshi666#6973** Yeah it sucks ive been wither 8 years and since she is also currently pregnant as well they may be taking the baby sooner than we want

Heartless<3#1504 Oh damn

**xenshi666#6973** Baby momma will eventually be invoked she will be doing the recordings when she is ready to however idk how involved she will be cuz she has cancer

ajinx219#7909 <@523397332717404173> right?!

devi\_454#3281 <@544783841206992896> great stuff. Would be great to get ur bby mama in it too

ajinx219#7909 I'm still learning discord???...

kokuzan#5567 Finally got your channel lol

**xenshi666#6973** Thank you <@632982375206223873>

ajinx219#7909 <@544783841206992896> fucking love it lol js.

**xenshi666#6973** Thank you <@632982375206223873>

ajinx219#7909 <@544783841206992896> super hawt

ajinx219#7909 Hot

**xenshi666#6973** Not very often sadly <@626897837795311617>

alone#2822 How often are you alone <@544783841206992896>

**xenshi666#6973** If I was alone right now I'd be getting more stuff of her

purplepineapple#8563 ????

**xenshi666#6973** Hopefully I don't get reported again

**xenshi666#6973** Haha more than most

purplepineapple#8563 <@544783841206992896> That's still more than most of us ????

**xenshi666#6973** I've fucked her maybe 4 times <@626945012252409909>

**xenshi666#6973** Not very often

purplepineapple#8563 <@544783841206992896> How often do you fuck her?

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incestlover212#5295 ????

**xenshi666#6973** I bet

DisneysMoneyPit#0728 Wish I could share her with you

**xenshi666#6973** 1 VIDEO SENT OF INCIDENT 1

**xenshi666#6973** She doesnt cry anymore when I'm fucking her ass

DisneysMoneyPit#0728 She???'s gonna be addicted to your cum

**xenshi666#6973** And not even a year old yet

DisneysMoneyPit#0728 Such a good little girl

**xenshi666#6973** 2 IMAGES SENT OF INCIDENT 4

**xenshi666#6973** 1 IMAGE SENT OF INCIDENT 1

Pok??cord#4503

**xenshi666#6973** Ok it told me when I tried posting pics I didn't have permission to do so

27. PRICE's wife (MV1's mother) was approximately seven months pregnant with a boy when PRICE engaged in these DISCORD communications.

28. When investigators searched PRICE's phone, they found the following exchange saved in the "memo application".

*"Are you gonna start up the collection again?*

*Only if you want to go through with the plan*

*How would it really work with your mom living in the same Damn room? And there couldn't be any penetration or else risk losing her...*

*Bath time and when noms sleeping and penetration would come later*

*Much later cause I'll kill myself if we lose her...*

*It wouldn't be until she's like 2 or 3 that I start penetration"*

29. This note had a creation date of November 22, 2016.

30. Since PRICE's arrest, additional tips have been submitted to NCMEC regarding recipients of PRICE's sexually explicit material depicting MV1. These subjects have been found to be living all over the world.

31. The videos depicting PRICE inserting his penis into MV1 have been located in at least two other investigations. On March 5, 2020, investigators received an email from NCMEC that law enforcement in Toronto, Canada had located a screen shot of a "visually similar" image of "the same video" on a suspect's cellular device during an

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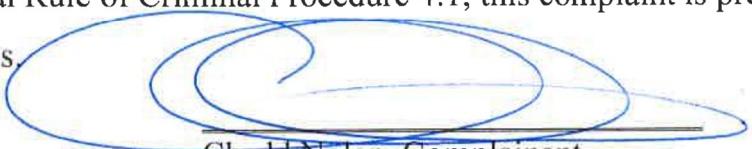
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unrelated investigation. Due to the videos now being confirmed as a distributed "series," NCMEC listed MV1's images with the series name "Tan&Teal." Recently (Spring 2021), one of the Vancouver Police Department's digital forensic investigators located the video of PRICE sexually abusing MV1 on a suspect device unrelated to this case.

### CONCLUSION

32. Based upon the evidence gathered in this investigation as set out above, including but not limited to my review of data and records, information received from other law enforcement agents, and my training and experience, there is probable cause to believe STEPHEN RIAN PRICE committed the offenses charged in this Complaint.

33. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 4.1, this complaint is presented by reliable electronic means.



Chadd Nolan, Complainant,  
Task Force Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Homeland Security Investigations

Based on the Complaint and Affidavit presented by reliable electronic means and sworn to me, the Court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe the Defendant committed the offenses set forth in the Complaint.

Dated this ~~13<sup>th</sup>~~  
14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



THE HON. THERESA L. FRICKE  
United States Magistrate Judge